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Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the Examiner's Action of October 22nd, 2001. Please amend this application this application as follows:

IN THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the complete paragraph on page 13 starting at line 12 and ending at line 26 with the paragraph as shown below:

A/ --An alternative embodiment of the invention consisting of a single linear nozzle is shown in Figs. 6A and 6B. The nozzle support surface is of the same flat top configuration as shown in Figs. 3A and 3B, but any of the other slot and surface variations may equally be used. The nozzle 30 consists of a bottom section 80 that is held by bolts 81 to the top surface of the cooling liquid supply chamber (not fully shown) and an upper section formed by two top members 82. The two top members and the bottom section are held together by through bolts 83. The top members are machined precisely to mate with the bottom section and give the required elevation,